



## **Michigan Supreme Court**

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### **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: May 11, 2006

TO: All Judges and District Court Magistrates

FROM: Sandi Hartnell

RE: Recent Change to Marriage License

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The State Register recently revised the marriage application and marriage license. Signature lines for the bride and groom have been added to the certificate of marriage portion of the marriage license. A sample of the revised marriage license is attached.

The following information was provided to county clerks regarding the marriage license change:

“The marriage license and certificate is being revised at the request of the Vital Records Committee of the MACC to require the signature of the bride and groom in the certification section. Senate Bill 1106 has been introduced that would require this change. The objective is to enhance the ability to authenticate that the marriage has occurred as certified by providing the handwritten signatures of the couple.

“With regard to the signatures of the couple and the name to be used, if either intends to change their name upon marriage, and as the signature would follow the solemnization of the marriage, the name to be used as a result of the marriage is the preferred signature.”

Questions should be directed to Glenn Copeland, State Registrar, at (517) 335-8677.

Except for signature, spaces left blank must be completed by typewriter or printed legibly.

By Authority of MCL 333.2813

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DATE OF APPLICATION

DATE CERTIFICATE FILED

STATE FILE NO.

LOCAL FILE NO.

0351898



# Marriage License

State of Michigan

To any person legally authorized to solemnize marriage in the State of Michigan,  
Marriage must be solemnized In The State Of Michigan on or before \_\_\_\_\_

DATE

between  
and

FULL NAME OF MALE (First, Middle, Last)

FULL NAME OF FEMALE (First, Middle, Last)

LAST NAME BEFORE FIRST MARRIED, IF DIFFERENT

PRESENT AGE

DATE OF BIRTH

PRESENT AGE

DATE OF BIRTH

RESIDENCE NO.

STREET

RESIDENCE NO.

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CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE

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RESIDENCE COUNTY

NUMBER OF TIMES PREVIOUSLY MARRIED

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BIRTHPLACE - CITY AND STATE

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FATHER'S FULL NAME

FATHER'S FULL NAME

MOTHER'S FULL NAME BEFORE FIRST MARRIED

MOTHER'S FULL NAME BEFORE FIRST MARRIED

FATHER'S BIRTHPLACE

MOTHER'S BIRTHPLACE

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An affidavit has been filed in this office by which it appears that said statements are true. This marriage license authorizes the marriage of the parties named above within the State of Michigan by any person authorized to perform a marriage ceremony under the laws of the State of Michigan.

In witness whereof,

I have signed and sealed these presents, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_;

COUNTY CLERK

COUNTY

DEPUTY CLERK

## \*Certificate of Marriage

I hereby certify that, in accordance with the above license, the persons herein mentioned were joined in marriage by me, in \_\_\_\_\_, county of \_\_\_\_\_ MICHIGAN,  
CITY, VILLAGE, OR TOWNSHIP  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 20 \_\_\_\_\_, in the presence of

SIGNATURE OF GROOM

SIGNATURE OF BRIDE

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

NAME OF WITNESS (TYPE OR PRINT)

NAME OF WITNESS (TYPE OR PRINT)

SIGNATURE OF MAGISTRATE OR CLERGY

NAME AND TITLE OF MAGISTRATE OR CLERGY (TYPE OR PRINT)

POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF MAGISTRATE OR CLERGY